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[AS AMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW, &c.]

TO

Make provision with respect to loans and sales made for the purpose of the supply of Seed Potatoes to occupiers and cultivators of land in Ireland. A.D. 1906.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Validation and repayment of loans for provision of seed potatoes.

5 1.—(1) Where at any time between the first of December nineteen hundred and four and the first of September nineteen hundred and five the Board of Works have, with the consent of the Treasury and the approval of the Local Government Board, made out of moneys at their disposal for the purpose of local 10 loans any loan to the guardians of any union for the purpose of providing seed potatoes, the loan shall be deemed to have been legally made and shall be repayable by the guardians to the Board of Works by two equal instalments, the first of which shall be paid on the first day of February nineteen hundred and 15 seven and the second on the first day of February nineteen hundred and eight, with interest at the rate of three and a half per cent. per annum on the loan or any outstanding balance thereof from the date of the advance to the date of repayment, and the poor rate leviable in the union shall as from the date of the loan, 20 without any deed of mortgage or other instrument, be and be deemed to have been charged with the repayment thereof and interest by the said instalments.

(2) If at any time the Board of Works certify that any sum is payable to them by the guardians of any union on account 25 of any loan or interest as aforesaid, the Local Government Board shall, by order under their seal, assess that sum on the union

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and send copies of the order to the guardians and the treasurer of the union; and within one month of the receipt of the copy of the order the treasurer of the union shall, out of any money then in his hands to the credit of the guardians, or if such money is insufficient, then out of all moneys subsequently received by him on account of the guardians, pay the amount specified in the order to the Board of Works.

Validation of supply of seed potatoes by guardians and repayment of price by purchasers.

2.—(1) Where at any time between the first of December nineteen hundred and four and the first of September nineteen hundred and five the guardians of any union have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, provided a supply of seed potatoes for the use of any district electoral division of their union, and have sold any such potatoes to any occupier or cultivator of land in that electoral division, the sale shall be deemed to have been legally made, and any sum due to the guardians on account thereof shall be paid by two equal instalments, and the guardians shall certify the amount of each instalment to the council of the county comprising the electoral division affected.

(2) For obtaining payment of each instalment due from any person the county council or urban district council, as the case may be, shall levy the amount, where the person is rated to the poor rate, by a special rate to be added to the poor rate assessed on the tenements occupied by him and to be collected therewith.

(3) Where any such person is not rated to the poor rate, the county council or urban district council shall make a special rate for the purposes of this Act to which he shall be rated.

(4) Every such last-mentioned special rate shall be recoverable in the same manner and with the same remedies by the collectors of the poor rate as if it were poor rate, and shall be paid by the county council or urban district council to the guardians.

(5) Where the poor rate is collected in two moieties the special rate required for the purposes of this Act shall be collected with the first moiety of the poor rate.

(6) The first of the special rates required for the purposes of this Act shall be made at the same time as the first ordinary poor rate made during the year nineteen hundred and six, and the second of those rates shall be made at the same time as the first ordinary poor rate made during the year nineteen hundred and seven.

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(7) The first instalment payable by each purchaser of seed potatoes shall be due on the day on which the first of such special rates is made, and the second instalment shall be due on the day on which the second of such special rates is made. Any such instalment may be paid to the guardians at any earlier date.

Saving as to franchise and disqualification.

3. No electoral disability or loss of parliamentary or other franchise shall be incurred by any voter by reason of the purchase of seed potatoes under this Act, nor shall any person be or be deemed to have been disqualified under any Article in the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, by reason of his having entered into a contract for such purchase.

Validation of orders, &c. of Local Government Board.

4. All orders and regulations made, sanctions given, and things done by the Local Government Board in relation to the provision during the period in that behalf in this Act mentioned of seed potatoes by the guardians of any union shall be and be deemed to have been valid and effectual for all purposes.

5. In this Act—

The expression "the Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board for Ireland; and

The expression "the Board of Works" means the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the Seed Potatoes Supply (Ireland) Act, 1906.

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